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MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30 pm ♦ Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am
Monday: No Mass ♦ Tuesday to Friday: 5:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office for more information on preparing for and receiving a Sacrament at St. Paul's Basilica.

- ♦ Baptism; Two months in advance
- ♦ Marriage; Registered parishioners at least one year in advance
- ♦ First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA;
Registration takes place in the autumn
- ♦ Anointing of the sick & Communion to the sick and shut-ins;
Please call during office hours

DONATION OPTIONS

To begin donating via Weekly Offertory Envelopes or Pre-Authorized Monthly Direct Debit, please contact the parish office.

To donate by Credit Card, visit our website or use the Tip Tap Device located near the main entrance. To receive a tax receipt please register your card after your first tap. Information is available near device.

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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Embodying the Good News

We are quickly approaching the central moment in the story of our salvation. Through the Last Supper, His Passion, and finally, His passing from death to life, Jesus joins us to Himself, breathing the Holy Spirit into us and inaugurating the reign of God the Father over all creation. It isn't easy for us to learn how to personally reflect the change in the order of Creation. We can easily deceive ourselves. Learning to be honest takes perseverance. It's even harder when we think about reflecting this new life together as the Church. And yet, we are all being called to receive and reflect the fullness of the Good News together.

Jesus tells us often in the Gospels that it is not enough to have the right words, nor to have only the outward appearance of a moral life. We need a wide view of what salvation might mean for us and for the world. Individually, we can be aware of things within us that need improvement. We know there are things about ourselves that need to change, and we are aware of things in the world that don't reflect the Kingdom.

These are not easy days for the Church; whether we think of the scandals, the sufferings of so many of our brothers and sisters in various places where there is open conflict, the headlong rush of technology with little ethical common ground, or in our own part of the world an attempt to make religion something merely private.



This is a greater reason to get better at praying and working together to present the freedom of the new life we have received. We are free to receive divine love and to share it. The world needs to witness the contentment of life in Christ.

My curling season has just ended. We play a round of the game, referred to as a draw, in the fall and another in the winter. Like the start of the age-old joke, this curling league is made up of priests, ministers and rabbis – an interfaith curling league. I have never been a big athlete, but I am an okay curler. Over the course of the season, my more experienced teammates were giving me a bit of coaching here and there. I was happy to receive their advice because of my feelings of camaraderie with them. The net result was that we were a better team.

This is not a bad comparison for how we can relate to one another in the Church. When we find some difference of understanding it helps if we care for one another and sense

we are on one team, trying to be faithful to the Lord. The images Jesus gives us are often close to the earth. He likes farming stories. Nature is mated to the care we give it to yield food. Our souls need to be like good soil, ready to receive the Word. We need to be good labourers, doing our part to nurture and share a good harvest. We need to share what we have been given, so those in need will have enough to share in the beauty of life given to us by God. Everyone needs the freedom to contribute to reflecting Christ's new creation.

To live the Gospel with integrity is a big job. This Easter we have the chance to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send us out as labourers, contributing our small parts to a positive collective witness of the Good News.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Stations of the Cross



The 40 days of Lent is a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings after 5 pm Mass. All are welcome to join in prayer.



Lenten Resources

To assist you this Lenten Season please avail yourself of the numerous Lenten resources found on the Archdiocese of Toronto website, archtoronto.org/lent. There you will find Pope Francis' 2025 Lenten Message, a variety of Online Retreats and Reflections, Lenten Activities for Families, and much more.



April 6, 2025

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 5

4:30 pm ♦ † Cristina Saavedra

Sunday, April 6

8:30 am ♦ For the People

11:00 am ♦ The People of Ukraine

Tuesday, April 8

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, April 9

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, April 10

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, April 11

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
Mar 2	\$ 4,404	\$ 5,585	↓ \$ 1,181
Mar 9	\$ 2,344	\$ 2,268	↑ \$ 76
Mar 16	*\$ 6,500	\$ 3,310	↑ \$ 3,190
Mar 23	\$ 2,496	*\$ 7,165	↓ \$ 4,669
Mar 30	\$ 3,351	*\$ 10,419	↓ \$ 7,068
Mth Target	\$ 19,094	\$ 28,747	↓ \$ 9,653

*Includes Easter Donations

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Thank you for supporting our parish!



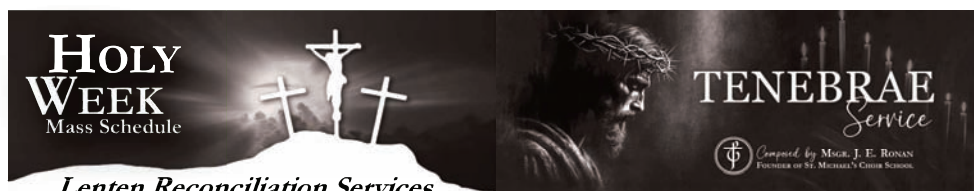
Cashless Donations

With fewer people using cheques or cash, here are some new ways to donate!

Online at 'stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org' or scan the QR code or and hit the Donate button. Check that "St. Paul's Basilica, Toronto" is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



Tip Tap - Simply tap your card on the 'tip tap' device, located at the back of the church, to donate. If you would like to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year, you can register your physical card by scanning the QR Code next to the 'tip tap' device. An information sheet is available next to the 'tip tap' device.



Lenten Reconciliation Services

April 11 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

April 12 from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm

Every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm, or by appointment

Holy Thursday / April 17

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 pm

Adoration until 10:00 pm

Good Friday / April 18

The Lord's Passion - 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

Tenebrae Service - 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday / April 19

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Easter Vigil - 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday / April 20

8:30 am & 11:00 am

With a dimly-lit church, a rarely-seen candle holder, and somber tones, "Tenebrae" (Latin meaning 'darkness' or 'shadows') is a unique and special service, adapted from 9th century medieval Roman Catholic practices, marking the days of Holy Week with readings, music and candles extinguished one by one.

On **Friday, April 18, 2025 at 7:30 pm**, we invite you to experience the Tenebrae service, sung by the St. Michael's Choir School Alumni Choir and set to music composed by the school's founder, Msgr. John Edward Ronan. This is a solemn liturgical service, open and free to all. However, a free-will donation will be gratefully accepted.

St. Paul's School Fundraising

Sunday, April 6, 13 & 27, following Mass. Sponsored by St. Paul's Grade 6/7 Students

In order to raise funds for their upcoming camping trip, grade 6/7 students from St. Paul's School will be selling a small selection of items, including baked goods, handcrafted bookmarks and bracelets on Sunday, April 6, 13 and 27, following the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses. Please stop by and help support these students and the school!

40 Days of Lenten Reflection

Join Fr. Eric Mah, a priest from Toronto, as he does a series of one-minute reflections for each of the forty days of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday. Watch Catholic Latte on YouTube or listen to the podcast available on Spotify, iTunes and Podbean. Scan the QR code for the YouTube playlist or visit 'catholiclatte.com' for podcast links.



You open the door to safety from abuse

Your support of ShareLife-funded agencies is a saving grace for victims of domestic abuse. Maria was trapped in an abusive relationship, isolated from family and friends. A mother of three, pregnant with her fourth, she needed to escape for her safety and theirs. At Safe Centre of Peel, led by Catholic Family Services Peel-Dufferin, 17 partner agencies unite to care for families. They provide legal assistance, safe housing, and financial aid. Through your solidarity, Maria and her young children were able to secure the freedom they deserve. Thus far we have raised \$7,000 toward our goal of \$55,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website.



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